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Antesman X

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When dwelled in love dwelled in God and God in him.

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which keeps knowledge. And to know the love of X

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ARTESIAN CHRISTIANS.

Ephes. 3: 19 Filled with all the fulness of God.

Intro. Beginning with verse 16 the Apostle Paul prays that the whole family of Xn believers may be characterized with Power, Faith, Knowledge and Love to such a degree that they may be "filled with all the fulness of God."

The Artesian wells of Santa Clara Valley. Likewise Xns should overflow with the fulness of God; should be Xns in overflowing measure. The required measure of power for a Xn is an overflowing power. A Xns faith should flow forth in gushing measure & His mind should be so open and deep and broad as to allow the Truth to flow forth unhindered. A Xn's heart should overflow with the love of God freely and unselfishly. Like the artesian well overflowing water continuously, a Xn should be overflowing in all the qualities of Xn life and character.

I. The overflow of Power. "Strengthened with power thru the Spirit in the inner man.... unto all the fulness of God."

Expression of unlimited power in all nature.

Xns should express the unlimited power of God in their moral and spiritual natures.

Next to the ? Am I a Xn?, we should ask, "What kind of a Xn am I?" Am I a half-starved weakling of a Xn who barely observes the minimum requirements of Xn living? Or do I put my shoulder to the wheel of Xn progress to help give it the irresistible movement it ought to have?

II. The overflow of Faith. "That X may dwell in your heart by faith .unto the fulness of God"

Xn faith is not merely a sentiment, or an enthusiasm, or idle dreaming, or an intellectual belief. Xn faith is conviction put to action. Faith without works is dead.

Evangelist Ruth use to tell the story of an experience he had at Niagara Falls. Tight-rope walker.

An active overflowing faith can, indeed, remove mountains. If we Xns were artesian faith-wells, what could'nt we do for the building of God's kingdom!

III. The overflow of knowledge. The Apostle prays, "That ye may be able to comprehend", to know "the length, and breadth, depth and height" of what it means to be a Xn, "unto all the fulness of God."

All true knowledge is broadening and deepening in its influence upon personality, but no knowledge en-

larges the human soul so much as the touch of God's Spirit. The consciousness of God and of one's having his being in God has lifted man and broadened him more than any other power.

Oh, could we Xns ever overflow with that knowledge of spiritual forces and realities so that men could see clearly their way to true greatness, progress and immortality!

But alas, many Xns, instead of overflowing in such knowledge, have grown blind until they themselves do not see God in anything.

The little 5-year old girl-who saw a room full of angels.

Every bush a burning bush, all nature God's nature.

IV. The overflow of Love. "And to know the love of X which passeth knowledge...unto all the fulness of God.

It is Love that keeps all power under control and subordinates all knowledge to useful ends. God is Love! "Whoso dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him."

There is a true love and a false love.

True love swings in a limitless orbit around God the Father of all life. False love spins like a top around itself as a centre.

The self-centered love shrivels and hardens the personality; God-centered love awakens new powers, new capacities, new freedom.

True love gives one self-mastery, false love wastes in self-indulgence.

A Xn's love is God-centered and overflows in all richness of spirit and goodness and benevolence. It blesses all mankind.

CONCLUSION. Isaac digged again the wells of his father, for the phillistines had stopt them up. If we are not overflowing Xns, followers of X who overflow in the power and faith and knowledge and love of God, ought we not to dig again the wells of our souls which once did flow forth the waters of life freely? Lets make this a season of revival, of renewal, lets make our community church artesian in its Xn influence for good.